

*Solution and Conclusion*

W:W32,31,30,27,24,23,22,21,19:B15,14,12,11,10,9,7,5,3.

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| 13. | ...   | 23-18 |
| 14. | 14-23 | 27-18 |
| 15. | 9-14  | 18-9  |
| 16. | 5-14  | 30-25 |

Was Uncle Harvey's stiff collar a bit damp from perspiration? There was no mistaking the unhappy look on his face, and both Byron and Yvette noticed.

17. 3-8

"Drat it all!" exclaimed Uncle Harvey. He couldn't have played 11-16 in view of the reply 31-27, nor would 14-18 work after 24-20. He knew he had a lost game and was just hoping Byron would stumble.

"Yes, Uncle; you have little choice. Had you played 11-16 I would win with 31-27. If you had tried 14-18 then 24-20 would secure my victory."

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| 18. | ...   | 22-17 |
| 19. | 15-18 | 19-15 |
| 20. | 10-28 | 17-3  |
| 21. | 11-16 | 3-7   |
| 22. | 16-20 | 7-10  |
| 23. | 18-23 | 10-15 |
| 24. | 20-24 | 15-19 |

"I resign," said Uncle Harvey. "White wins. Bravo, my boy." There was genuine admiration in his voice. While Uncle Harvey certainly did not like to lose, it must in all fairness be said that he was a sportsman about it.

He stood up from the table and shook Byron's hand. Then he smiled at Yvette, a warm and genuine smile. "Quite a fine husband you've gotten for yourself," he said. "Well done, well done, both of you!"